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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT-  
DOHA

REF: DOHA 00459

1. SY APPRECIATES POST'S FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO RSO  
GIBSON'S RECOMMENDATIONS, AND EFFORTS THUS FAR EXPENDED IN  
SEEKING TO ESTABLISH A MARINE DETACHMENT. ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN SET IN MOTION TO SEEK APPROVAL AND  
PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS.

2. IN FURTHERANCE OF EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH DETACHMENT, THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT  
ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND PLANNING PURPOSES:  
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A. ALTHOUGH HOST GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO PRESENCE OF  
MARINE DETACHMENT, THEY SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT MARINES WILL  
BE IN UNIFORM AND ARMED WHILE ON DUTY IN THE EMBASSY.  
ADDITIONALLY, IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED,  
OFFICIALS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT MARINES ARE MEMBERS OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF AND AS SUCH ARE ENTITLED

TO THE SAME IMMUNITIES. MARINE CORPS REQUIRES THIS IMMUNITY  
FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION BE GUARANTEED BEFORE INSERTION  
OF DETACHMENT.

B. DEPARTMENT MUST BE ADVISED OF HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS. IN  
THIS REGARD THE MARINE HOUSE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT IN SIZE  
TO PROVIDE SINGLE BEDROOMS FOR EACH WATCHSTANDER AND IF  
POSSIBLE ONE EXTRA BEDROOM TO ACCOMMODATE ANY FUTURE  
PERSONNEL INCREASE. HOUSE SHOULD CONTAIN COMMON SPACE  
SUFFICIENT IN SIZE TO ACCOMMODATE ENTIRE DETACHMENT AND  
THEIR GUESTS, AND BE FULLY FURNISHED. HOUSE SHOULD BE  
LOCATED WITHIN REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO EMBASSY TO PROVIDE  
IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITY.

C. FULLY FURNISHED SEPARATE QUARTERS MUST BE PROVIDED FOR  
THE NCOIC. NCOIC MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENTS.

D. MINIMUM SIZE OF MARINE DETACHMENT IS ONE NCOIC AND FIVE  
WATCHSTANDERS. RECOMMEND THAT POST CONSULT WITH RSO TO  
DETERMINE NUMBER OF POSTS REQUIRED SO THAT APPROPRIATE  
NUMBER OF MARINES CAN BE ASSIGNED INITIALLY TO AVOID LATER  
INCREASES. IN THIS REGARD IT IS DESIRABLE TO MAINTAIN  
40 HOURS OF DUTY PER WEEK PER MAN DURING PERIODS OF NORMAL  
ACTIVITY.

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E. POST WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AND EQUIP AN OFFICE  
FOR THE NCOIC IN AS CLOSE PROXIMITY AS POSSIBLE TO THE  
MARINE GUARD POST IN THE EMBASSY LOBBY. MINIMUM FURNISH-  
INGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THIS OFFICE WOULD NORMALLY INCLUDE:  
DESK, CHAIR, TYPEWRITER, TYPEWRITER STAND, BOOKCASE, BAR-  
LOCK CABINET, AND APPROPRIATE STATIONARY SUPPLIES.

F. TARGET DATE FOR ACTIVATION OF THE DETACHMENT MUST BE  
PROVIDED. RECENT EXPERIENCE INDICATES DATE SELECTED SHOULD  
BE FAR ENOUGH IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW FOR DELIVERY OF FURNISH-  
INGS, AND FOR LEASE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE MARINE HOUSE  
WHICH SHOULD BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY UPON ARRIVAL OF THE  
MARINES. PREFERABLE APPROACH IS TO HAVE THE NCOIC REPORT  
TO THE POST TEN TO FIFTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED  
ARRIVAL OF THE WATCHSTANDERS TO PREPARE NECESSARY ORDERS  
AND ACCOMPLISH ALL NECESSARY ADVANCE WORK.

G. PRIOR TO SIGNING ANY LEASE AGREEMENT IT IS RECOMMENDED  
THAT THE MARINE COMPANY COMMANDER FROM KARACHI BE INVITED  
TO VISIT THE POST TO ADVISE ON ADEQUACY OF THE PROPOSED  
QUARTERS. WHILE THIS PROCEDURE IS NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY,  
EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT IT HAS SAVED CONSIDERABLE

PROBLEMS AT A LATER DATE.

H. ENTITLEMENTS FOR WHICH THE POST IS RESPONSIBLE AS WELL  
AS REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF MARINE SECURITY  
GUARDS MAY BE FOUND IN 3 FAM 149 AND 4 FAM 810-815. A  
COPY OF THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD HANDBOOK AND RECENTLY  
REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS BEING FORWARDED TO  
POST FOR INFORMATION. SHOULD POST HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR  
REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, A/SY/OPS/F0/MSG WILL  
PROVIDE UPON REQUEST. CHRISTOPHER

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